

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection of the drawings:

Response:

5 The reference character “80” shown in Fig. 4 has been added in paragraph [0019] in the specification in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Office action mailed 11/15/2005. Paragraph [0019] of the specification is listed hereinafter for the Examiner’s reference, and withdrawal of this objection is politely requested.

10 Paragraph [0019]

 Please refer to Fig.3 and Fig.4. Fig.3 is a schematic diagram of an LCD 50 according to the present invention. Fig. 4 is a section view of the structure of the LCD 50 shown in Fig.3. The present invention LCD 50 with a uniform common voltage comprises a lower substrate 52, an upper substrate 54 positioned on the lower substrate oppositely, and a
15 plurality of liquid crystal molecules (not shown) filled between the lower substrate 52 and the upper substrate 54. The lower substrate 52 of the LCD 50 defines a display area 56 and a non-display area 58. The lower substrate 52 has a plurality of scan lines 60, a plurality of data lines 62, a plurality of pixels 64 defined by the scan lines 60 and the data lines 62 with intersection in the display area 56, a plurality of TFTs (not shown)
20 positioned in each of the pixels 64, a plurality of common electrodes 66, a plurality of common electrode pads 68, and an alignment film 80 thereon. The common electrodes 66 and the common electrode pads 68 are composed of a metal material with a high conductivity, such as aluminum.

25 **2. Objection of claims 17 and 18:**

Response:

 Claim 17 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically, “... to covering the surface of the photo spacers” has been amended to “... to cover the surface of the photo spacers”. No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and reconsideration of

claim 17 is politely requested.

Claim 18 claims an LCD, which is the initial of liquid crystal display. "LCD" is read as "L-C-D", which means the pronunciation of "LCD" begins with a vowel. Therefore, "an
5 LCD" should be correct, and withdrawal of this objection is politely requested.

**3. Rejection of claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over
Lodate (US 5,748,266) in view of Admission and Sasaki (US 2004/0027529):**

Response:

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Foreign Priority:

The instant application relies on foreign priority under 35 U.S.C 119(a)-(d) of Taiwan application No. 092108283, filed on 04/10/2003. All subject matter taught and
15 claimed in the instant US application is also taught in the Taiwan application. **A translation of Taiwan application No. 092108283 into English is attached in the appendix** according to MPEP 706.02(b)(E). The following translation is an accurate translation of the Taiwan application No. 092108283 relied upon for priority.

Sasaki was filed on 05/28/2003. Sakuma et al. claims foreign priority on Japanese
20 patent, 2002-158823. However, as stated in section 2136.03 of the MPEP, the Japanese filing date does not affect the earliest effective filing date of the Sasaki patent, which is still 05/28/2003. Therefore, Sasaki does not qualify as prior art under 102(a) or 102(e) since its earliest effective filing date is 05/28/2003, which is after the filing date of 04/10/2003 for the Taiwan application No. 092108283 relied upon by the instant
25 application for priority. Thus, the Sasaki publication cannot be used as prior art for the instant application.

To overcome the rejection of claims 17-18, a translation of Taiwan application No. 092108283 into English is attached in the appendix. The Taiwan application is relied upon

for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C 119(a)-(d).

4. Allowable Subject matter

Response:

5 Allowance of claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-16 is acknowledged.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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